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PRESS RELEASE

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## **JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION IN PENNSYLVANIA UP 3.1 PERCENT**

**HARRISBURG** --- Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during January 2000 totaled 938 million pounds, 3.1 percent above last year's production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 617,000 head, 2,000 head less than December's average and unchanged from January 1999.

Production per cow averaged 1,520 pounds for the month of January, 40 pounds more than December's estimate of 1,480 pounds, and up 45 pounds per cow from January a year ago.

Pennsylvania's milk production for 1999 totaled 10.93 billion pounds, up 84 million pounds from 1998. Pennsylvania again ranked fourth in milk production for 1999, behind California, Wisconsin, and New York. The average number of milk cows during the year was 616,000, which was 7,000 less than the previous year. Production per cow during 1999 totaled 17,745 pounds, compared to 17,411 pounds during 1998. There were 11,000 farms with milk cows in Pennsylvania in 1999, 200 less than in 1998.

Milk production in the **20 states surveyed** during January 2000 totaled 12.2 billion pounds, 4.7 percent above production in these same states in January 1999. December revised production, at 11.9 billion pounds, was up 4.0 percent from December 1998.

The number of milk cows on farms averaged 7.76 million head, 69,000 head more than January 1999, but 6,000 head more than December 1999. Production per cow averaged 1,576 pounds for January, 58 pounds above January 1999.

Total U.S. milk production in 1999 was 162.7 billion pounds, 3.4 percent above 1998. This was the third consecutive year of increased milk production and a new record high. Revisions to 1998 production decreased the annual total by less than 0.1 percent. Revised 1999 production was also down by less than 0.1 percent from last month's publication.

There were 9.16 million milk cows during the year, down slightly from 1998. Average milk production per cow for 1999 was 17,771 pounds, 582 pounds more than the previous year.